



MINUTES
Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:05 p.m., Chair Jack Villa called the special, online meeting to order. A quorum of members was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of November 18, 2020, special meeting.

Motion by 4th Vice-chair Velzy, seconded by 3rd Vice-chair Gleason. Minutes were approved as presented

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Tim Flynn - spoke on how he started his career in City government on the neighborhood council, concerned that there are too many missing neighborhood chairs, spoke on ways to increase attendance at neighborhood and INCO meetings; need to be hyper-focused on neighborhood quality of life issues
Jill Santos, employee of City's ER division, Outreach Specialist - looking for opportunities for community outreach to speak on City's free underutilized services; ER launching a new smartphone app called "Recollect" to coordinate City services more easily

Julie Pena - thanked Mayor Flynn; understands challenges of INCO engagement; spoke on upcoming Food Share event

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of certificates to 2020 Executive Board members.

Certificates of appreciation will be mailed to each outgoing member.

2. SUBJECT: Installation of 2021 INCO Executive Board by Mayor Tim Flynn.

Mayor Tim Flynn administered the oath of office to the 2021 INCO Executive Board: Chair Michael Gleason, 1st Vice-chair Jack Villa, 2nd Vice-chair Diana Velzy, and 4th Vice-chair Paul Henke.

3rd Vice-chair Elizabeth Garcia, nominated at November 18 meeting, was absent.

3. SUBJECT: INCO Bylaws Update

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion and direction on the purpose and mission of the INCO for the Bylaws update

1st Vice-chair Villa gave a summary of the goals of the update. Daniel Rydberg gave a report on the status of the Bylaws update, including progress with the City Attorney's office; shared progress of Bylaws update with screen share presentation; mission/vision update of the INCO; does the Brown Act apply? 1st Vice-chair spoke on historical issues on obtaining quorums for meetings. Len Shulman spoke on his efforts for the INCO to be declared an advisory body to the City Council. Chair Michael Gleason offered the idea to obtain a regular spot on the City Council's agenda for the INCO to report, whether it be once a month or something similar; the importance of the INCO having a united voice, to increase participation, having an interesting guest speaker at General Membership meetings; 2nd Vice-chair Velzy indicated that Mayor Zaragoza confirmed the INCO is an advisory body and should

remain that way. Jon Huyke confirmed with a written report to Council; Exec Sec Smith indicated he will talk to CM Nguyen on getting the INCO in front of the Council at a regular interval; it was suggested to perhaps merge INCO reports to Council into the 6 Council districts; Jon Huyke spoke on interactive media and other media efforts to increase participation by becoming more visible to the community; Chris Hernandez spoke on having media involved, putting a face on the group, taking pics in the community and other efforts to show the progress and good work each council is putting in throughout the City.

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Aaron Greer, Windsor North - elections taking place in January, but with COVID restrictions, will be doing so on Zoom

Paul Henke, East Village - thanked Gleason for setting up a meeting with developers of new high school; housing that the City wants to put in is a little concerning, especially with high-density low-income housing

Michael Gleason, West Village - provided link to register to attend high school meeting, Martha will put that in the neighborhood packet and City's Facebook

Len Shulman, Carriage Square - Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Diana Velzy, Orchard Park - Santa Float tours Dec 18, 4:30-8:30 pm, Stay at Home Order will not impact float plans

Chris Hernandez, Five Points - attended Park & Rec meeting, neighborhood will be put on the list for consideration of future park

Sofia Vega, Southwinds - haven't had a neighborhood meeting because of the pandemic, will have one via Zoom in January or February; will be having a kids event Sunday donating face masks and sweetbread at Southwinds Park

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

Diana Velzy - enjoyed working with E-Board, despite the challenge of COVID, appreciated working with Gabe and Dan; wished everyone happy Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year

Dan Rydberg - great experience working with everyone, including the Bylaws committee

Michael Gleason - E-Board meeting scheduling

Jack Villa - thanked Daniel Rydberg and Gabriel Teran, looking forward to working with new members on E-Board this coming year

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

INCO input on Measure E spending

Goals for INCO in 2021

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Villa adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary